GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2306
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2005
MORE FAIR PRICE SHOPS
Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering any plan for opening more Fair Price Shops (FPS) in the country during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of FPS as on date, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the manner in which the Government proposes to overcome the problem of shortage of FPS in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): In the Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS), which is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and the State Governments, the responsibility of opening of Fair Price Shops (FPS) to provide easy access of foodgrains to the consumers rests with the respective State Governments.

The number of Fair Price Shops, State-wise is annexed.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2306 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 8.8.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(As on 20.7.2005)

S.No.	STATE/UT	No. of FPSs
1	Andhra Pradesh	40814
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1444
3	Assam	33229
4	Bihar	41818
5	Chhattisgarh	7869
6	Delhi	3010
7	Goa	522
8	Gujarat	14131
9	Haryana	7695
10	Himachal Pradesh	4137
11	J&K	3927
12	Jharkhand	14395
13	Karnataka	20621
14	Kerala	14147
15	Madhya Pradesh	18688
16	Maharashtra	50160
17	Manipur	2551
18	Meghalaya	4302
19	Mizoram	1028
20	Nagaland	401
21	Orissa	25186
22	Punjab	13874
23	Rajasthan	20903
24	Sikkim	1071
25	Tamil Nadu	27995
26	Tripura	1446
27	Uttaranchal	7332

28 Uttar Pradesh 74788
29 West Bengal 20424
30 A&N Islands 488
31 Chandigarh 26
32 D&N Haveli 78
33 Daman & Diu 51
34 Lakshdweep 35
35 Pondicherry 410

Total 478996